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25X1 1. [redacted] in 1951 a decree was published by the Minister of National Defense ordering men of classes 1929 through 1931 to register for induction. In 1952 a decree was published by the Minister of National Defense which showed the number of men from the 1929 through 1931 classes who were deferred or rejected in 1951. This decree also ordered the 1932 class to register for induction. 25X1

2. [redacted]

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25X1 a stamp used by the WKR stated: "By the order of the General Staff, dated 21 January 1952, the class of 1927 is to be deferred".

a. A card system consisting of copies of the military book was utilized by the induction commission. An unidentified senior sergeant, who was in charge of the card system for inductees, filled out answers on the cards to the following questions: name, occupation, place and date of birth, name of parents, religion, place of residence and address (street, name, number), party affiliations, marital status, and number of children. The card number corresponded to the number of the military book. The men from the class of 1927 who had had no previous army service, and whose surname began with "K", were placed in the following categories:

(1) Married men with three or more children

(2) University students or technicians in military factories

(3) Disabled personnel (crippled, blind, etc.)

b. 25X1 Personnel assigned to the army reserve were given the number IIA, and those assigned to the naval reserve were given the number 022. The 50 members of the class of 1927 called before the WKR with me were deferred and assigned to the reserves.

3. New recruits were selected for specific branches of the services on the basis of personality, education, experience, and political affiliations. Recruits who had been members of the United Polish Workers Party (PZPR - Polska Zjednoczona Partja Robotnicza) or the Polish Youth Union (ZMP - Zwiazek Mlodziezy Polskiej) with a special letter of recommendation, had a virtual choice of a branch of service, while recruits who had had no political affiliations whatsoever were assigned to the combat arms. Requirements for the Internal Security Corps and Military Border Guard Forces were as follows: inductees had to be sons of peasants, members of the ZMP and PZPR, or sons of PZPR members. After discharge the members of the KBW and WOP were offered positions with the UBP. I heard that the length of service in the Polish Army was about two years, it was also two years in the WOP and 2½ years in the KBW.

a. Political requirements for the air force were the same as the requirements for the KBW or WOP. In addition, prior training in the Aviation League (Liga Lotnicza) or the Service to Poland (Sluzba Polsce) was required. Inductees had to be in excellent physical condition.

b. Men selected for naval service had to be in excellent physical condition. Inductees with prior experience in the maritime service were given consideration for this branch.

25X1 4. the Polish Army was expanding, because there had been specific instances where former World War II NCO's were being recalled for six months additional training.

25X1 there were hundreds of other NCO's who had received the same training, were commissioned in the reserves, and were retained in the Army.

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25X1 5. [redacted] an apprentice seamen [redacted] was discharged from the Navy in 1951 and recalled for reserve training despite the fact that reserve training for his age group was not scheduled until 1954. Instances of forcible extension of service for Navy NCO's and specialists were very common. It usually took from two to six months to train reservists. [redacted] seamen [redacted] were called for reserve training in 1952 even though they had been released from active duty in 1951. [redacted] 25X1

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25X1 6. [redacted] all age groups from 1916 to 1926 were to be called for re-training, and that KBW, WOP and Citizens' Militia units were being increased in strength. [redacted] the 1927 class was to be demobilized in 1952. 25X1

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